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that in the past 107 years the United States has been a party to forty-seven arbitrations, or more than half of all number, but we should like to know that have taken place in the world where one of them is." The lost ging- park system and such a library system during modern times.

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As the uncontrolled master of the Russian Treasury, the Czar is the richest man on earth. The creditors of the man who claims

that advertising doesn't pay are apt to find that he doesn't, either, remarks system, the only conspicuous pretense

New York City, according to a re ligious journal of the town, spends about \$21,000 daily for milk and \$140,-000 for other beverages.

Mr. Stump, Commissioner of Immigration, in his anaual report, doubts if there has been any increase in the foreign-born population of this coun-

A writer in the Windsor Magazine says that "even Mr. Gia dstone, that greatest of all sticklers for official reticence, held that a Cabinet Minister | time we were very eager to have and might impart secrets to his wife and his private secretary.

An interesting suggestion is made by a correspondent of the New York Herald, who says that in England, when one has a large number of letters or circulars to mail at one time, he need not be at the trouble of affixing a stamp on each one of them, but may carry tales to the world, whatever carry them to the postoffice, pay the postage due on the whole and pass them in. No postage stamps are affixed, explains Harper's Weekly, but the office simply stamps them "Paid" and they are forwarded. The Herald's cor- that this should be one of the bestrespondent thinks this British usuage is worth imitating, and Postmaster Dayton agrees with him, considering that it would be a convenience to business their face value, no other fortification men, though it could not be adopted of equal pretension and importance without action by Congress.

In N. S. Shaler's "American Highways," published by the Century Company, the author says that the people of the United States have been a very patient people, or little conscious of the "sore tax" inflicted on them by lery is located here, and an equipment bad roads. If we are getting to be of the disappearing gun has been now impatient, the author warns the ordered, if not already furnished. The public not to act hastily as to means fort and the Winthrop battery comof ordinary communication until we understand how roads are to be made at least, and if nothing more than the and built. "Those who have the bet- proprieties of the situation are to be terment of our American highways at considered the government cannot heart should do all in their power to afford to deprive Boston of her body guide, direct, and even restrain the guard. What I hope to see is as present movement toward their im- ences by the government as the cirprovement, so that enthusiasm may cumstances will permit. There are be guided by a business sense to the two ways of providing for the health end that we may attain a system of and comfort of the officers and men Orders left with L. A. Cobb, at the ways properly related to the needs of Island Pond National Bank, Island Pond the country." No road ought to be fication, or casemates, which are now built without study, and topographical, geological and climatic conditions must be considered. Practical considerations would not, of course, permit a road to be built where there was dition of our only fort is officially no use for it, but a desirable highway known to the government, we may might be constructed through a coun- reasonably expect that a remedy will try which would cost too much money to build or to keep in repair.

> of the Women's Christian Temperance Association, has recently compiled some interesting statistics with regard to women's progress the world over. She chronicles, among other things, the fact that women have about succeeded in gaining admission to the General Methodist Episcopal Conference, and that they have been successfull in preaching the Gospel in all but the Episcopal and Roman Catholic sects. With respect to education, Miss Willard says: "Out of 451 colleges and universities in the United States only forty-one are closed to cational, and, besides, women have standard, with 30,000 students. Oneeleven States and fourteen colleges or universities being represented. States, forty-three per cent. are women; in England the proportion is even greater. There are 123,955 wothe higher course for women at the marked. Twenty-five States have given

A Cardiff elergyman hit upon a novel plan of recovering his lost umbrella. He inserted the following note in the President Eliot, of Harvard, says parish magazine: "Over a million unibrellas are manufactured in this country every year. We are not concerned as to what becomes of this enormous ham turned up next day.

full citizens."

BOSTON LETTER.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE,

Dilapitated Fort Warren. Since fort Independence has been virtually surrendered to the city of Boston, to form with its immediate surroundings a portion of her park of harbor protection which we could point out to the visiting stranger or foreigner has been fort Warren. Although this structure is not one of our most venerable defences, having been built less than 50 years ago, its particular use, during the rebellion, as a place of detention, for distinguished prisoners gave it considerable prominence in the events of that exciting period. Its guest register for the four years of that struggle will always make a very interesting chapter of its history. Here were entertained, in rather confined quarters it is true, Mason and Slidell, the commissioners captured on the Trent, general Buckner and a number of other gentlemen whose society at that to keep. Now comes the humilisting revelation, that our single garrisoned fort is not fit for habitation. Its solid looking exterior and its green slopes and terraces have given the harbor voyagers or the long distance travelers no intimation that its interior was damp, unwholesome and failing to decay. It is none of the public's business, and the officers and men are not supposed to reports they may have to make to their government superiors. The rigor of the weather at this post, especially in winter, and the sharp insistence of the east wind at all times of the year, would seem to suggest protected and best appointed forts in the country. On the contrary, if we are to accept the recent representstions of the government inspector at

It was hardly necessary to say that although fort Warren had been condemned, the troops would not with-We imagine the citizens of draw. Boston would develop considerable excitement were such a suggestion to be officially made. Some of the best and most modern of our service artilreasonable confidence in time of peace promot a recognition of its deficikept in garrison. Comfortable barracks can be creeted within the fortisaid to be breeders of rheumatism and other bodily afflictious, can be made not only habitable but enjoyable, with a reasonable share of modern conveniences. Of course, now that the conbe applied and that the outpost will be put in a condition worthy of the New England metropolis and the dignity of the United States. Then we can cele-Miss Frances E. Willard, President | brate the event with that newly found powder which is good for salutes but not practical for modern service.

can compare with this in dilapidation.

Boston's Municipal Bath House. Soon after mayor Quincy was inaugurated he appointed a special committee on public baths, composed of Robert A Woods, Edmund Billings, Dr. E. M. Hartwell, Mary M. Kehew, Michael W. Myers. Kaliah B. Pingree. formerly of the school board, and Edward J. Ryan. The city council appropriated \$65,000 for a municipal bath house, and this entire matter was placed in this committee's hands. It has reported as follows to the mayor, with a plan of the proposed bathhouse, which the mayor has approved: women. All the others are now coedu- The committee appointed on publie baths herewith submits the 143 schools of the higher educational plans and specifiations prepared under the direction the committee by Messrs. Peafourth of the fellowships of the Uni- body and Stearns. The bath house is versity of Chicago are held by women, to be erected upon the lot situated on Dover street, near Harrison avenue, which has already been purchased by the city. The plan calls for a building Three women fellows have given in- 43x110 feet in extent. On the first structions in the university this year. | floor separate waiting rooms will be Of 400,000 teachers in the United provided for men and women, together with laundry and engine rooms in the rear. On the second floor there will be separate bath rooms for men and for women. In the front part of the men teachers in England. In Russia building there will be a third floor, there were 500 applications for the containing an apartment for the mana-150 vacancies in the entering class for ger of the baths and his family. There will be 50 baths, including 17 for women, giving a capacity for bathing university of St. Petersburg at the for 150 people per nour. The steam recent examinations. Politically, the supply for the building is to be progress of women is even more furnished from the boiler room of the fire department repair shop, situated just in the rear of the bath-house lot. the educational ballot to women; one, Great pains have been taken by the Kansas, the municipal, and Wyoming, committee and the architects to pro-Colorado and Utah have made them vide a building that would not only stand the test of all sorts of practical demands, but would possess the dignity worthy of a municipal enterprise. After continued careful consideration as to the administration of the baths, your committee again strongly recommend (with one dissenting vote) that

the use of the baths be entirely free. It is the feeling of the committee that no other plan would be quite consistent in a city which provides such a



STEPHEN W. DORSEY. It is reported that Stephen W. Dorsey,now located in Colorado, is fast rebuilding the fortune that he lost in defending himself

Vermont Tobacco Growers. WESTMINSTER, Vt., Doc. 8—During the past week a large number of farmers in this part of the Connecticut valley sold 1895 and 96 tobacco crops at from 10 to 12 cents a pound, about two cents more than they repound, about two ceans more than they re-ceived in the last two years. This years' crop was larger and of botter average qual-ity than any raised for a number of years. The acreage probably will be much increased the year before.

Went On a Short Time Monday. WHITINSVILLE, Mass., Dec. 8-The Whitinsville spinning ring company went on short time of 50 hours per week. It has been running on full time up to now.

YELLY DE LOS RIOS. Felix de los Rios, a lieutenant in the Cuban army, and one of the secretaries of general Maximo Gomez, recently arrived at New York, bringing important dispatches from general Gomez, the contents of which were not made pandy.

Lives Lost on Steam Vessels. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8-Supervis-ing inspector of steam vessels, general Du-mont, reports that during last year 221 persons lost their lives on steam vessels, out of 600,000,000 passengers enried. This was a decrease in loss of life of 173 persons from

Death of Albert Aronson NEW YORK, Dec. 8-Albert Aronson, manager of the Bijou theatre, fell in a fainting fit through weakness from asthma in a cafe on Broadway, and, after being removed to a private hospital, he died.

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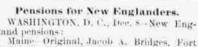
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eyville. Bay State Politics.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 8-The republican state committee filed its report of campuign contributions and expenses with the derk. The committee received \$51,325 and Hisbursed \$50,096. The National committee contributed \$40,000. Governor Wolcott and party leaders gave from \$250 to \$500 each, senator Ledge gave \$100 and senator Hoar gave \$25. The salary list absorbed \$6,200 -printing, \$4,000; Congress districts, \$250 to \$3,000 each; Railrond Men's association, \$1,500, and Allen, the successful colored condition for consulting \$650. eandidate for councillor, \$50.

Charlotte Cushman's Brother. LONDON, England, Dec. 8—Charles Cush-man, the only brother of the late Charlotte Coshman, the great American actress died



C. W. Couldock, the well known aged actor has recently retired from the stage. He is 81 years of age, the oldest English

ALL HOME PRODUCT.

Suit of Clothes Made in America to be Given to McKinley. BLOOMFIELD, N. J., Dec. 8-There was received at Thomas Oak's woolen mills in

this place 30 pounds of Pennsylvania wood which is to be made into cloth from which a suit of clothes is to be made for president dust in the suit of dent elect McKinley.

The suit will be given to him for his inauguration and is to show that American

made cloth manufactured from home grown wool is as good as the foreign material. It is supposed that this will serve as an object lesson and an argument for the restoration of the old high tariff rates on foreign wood